

### REMARKS

Applicants sincerely appreciate the continued thorough examination of the present application as evidenced by the Office Action of December 11, 2008. Applicants particularly appreciate the indication that Claims 9-11 recite allowable subject matter.

In order to expedite allowance of the application and without prejudice to the filing of one or more continuation applications, Applicants have amended Claim 8 to include recitations of allowable Claim 9, cancelled Claim 9, and amended Claims 10 and 11 to depend from Claim 8.

### CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that the above-entitled application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (919) 854-1400.

Respectfully submitted,



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